



Attorney's Docket No.: 40002-0271
(17072-002001)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert Thomas Hudak Art Unit : 1641
Serial No. : 09/915,494 Examiner : Counts, G.W.
Filed : July 25, 2001 Conf. No. : 6752
Cust. No. : 20985
Title : SPECIMEN COLLECTION CONTAINER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION

Correspondence relating to this application is enclosed, as follows:

1. Transmittal Letter and Petition For Automatic Extension (2 pages—in duplicate);
2. Amendment responsive to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003 (16 pages);
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98 (2 pages);
4. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
5. Documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 (8 documents); and
6. Return Postcard.

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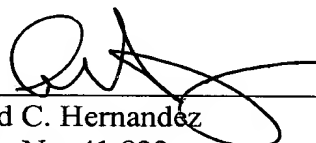
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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						\$0
Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for a 2 month extension of time.						\$210
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98						\$180
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TOTAL FEE DUE						\$399

A check for \$399 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/18/04



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